



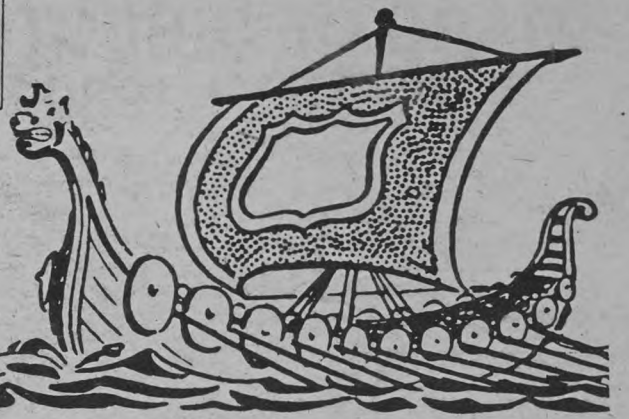
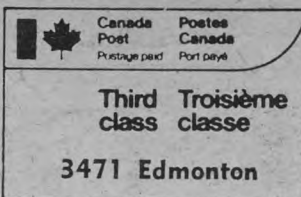
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SCANDAPADES '80 AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

by Bob Burt

This year's Scandapades was great entertainment!

Chairman Gary Johnson worked hard producing the Show, while state and programme co-ordinator, Per Nielsen, worked his heart out. Bob Burt milked all the angles to make the Scandinavian Centre's annual event visible on T.V., heard on radio, and read in the printed media. This newspaper was certainly a great source of promotion.

Harv Haugen, Master of

Ceremonies, was superb in pulling it all together. Secretary Anja Sahuri also did her part, and Sandy Nielsen worked day and night answering phone calls for ticket requests.

Cultural Displays, under Astrid Hope's direction, gave all those who attended a vast and varied view of Scandinavian culture and tradition, made possible by the Danish, Finnish and Icelandic Societies, Sons of Norway's Solglyt Lodge, Vasa Lodge Skandia, and the Scandinavian Centre.



Aage Grundstad

COLOURFUL PRODUCTION

Aage Grundstad, concert accordionist, came to Edmonton to entertain with his marvelous music, accompanied by his wife, Astrid. Everyone who attended Scandapades '80 thoroughly enjoyed his performance, and Aage received standing ovations after every number.

The entertainment provided by the affiliated ethnic groups was excellent and received hearty applause: The Danish Society Dania's 'Hard-Time Singers' added sparkle to the show; the story of 'Gisli the Crazy', presented by

the Icelandic Society of Edmonton, was both sung and acted, portraying that age-old phenomenon, the henpecked husband; 'Midsummer Fest', a colourful monologue, saw a good deal of Norwegian folk-lore and history.

The large backdrop, a scene of the midnight sun, done by talented Finnish Society of Edmonton painter, Anneli Thurlin, was exceptional - and a constant reminder of the Scandinavian countries throughout the evening.

The lighting and stage work, back drops, wings and curtain all added greatly to the successful presentation.

DIGNITARIES PRESENT

Dignitaries present on opening night included Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, Frank Lynch-Staunton, and his attendant; Mr and Mrs Paul Norris, representing the City of Edmonton; and Olaf and Mrs Sveen.

PRESENTATIONS

Aage Grundstad was presented with a plaque naming him an Honourary Member of the Scandinavian Centre by Chairman Gary Johnson, and Astrid was presented with a flower arrangement by Gary's wife, Evelyn.

OUTSTANDING MEAL

And let us not forget the outstanding supper. The meal was well worth remembering - from akavit to risalamang. Compliments to Borge Velling and chef Jens Gron and his staff. Krum kake was an added delight on Saturday evening.

The dance portion, in keeping with the Scandinavian atmosphere, was well attended, with over 200 on Friday evening and closer to 300 on Saturday.

This was truly one of the most delightful and entertaining of our annual Scandapades - may we go on to even greater things.

Thanks to all who participated, attended, promoted and supported Scandapades '80 - it was a great show!



Lieutenant-Governor Frank Lynch-Staunton, Guest, Alderman Paul Norris



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Danish Hard-Time Singers

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ANNUAL MEETING

Approximately 40 shareholders were present on February 27th to hear the Directors' Reports for the year and elect three Directors. They were also provided with information regarding the proposed new Scandinavian Centre and viewed architect's sketches. Directors elected were Roald W. Enoksen, Astrid Hope and Eileen Peterson.

CENTRE

Scandapades kept the Centre hopping this month - and it was a well-organized and delightful production - our thanks to Gary Johnson who volunteered to co-ordiante our annual event and get it back on track. The food was delicious and the entertainment has never been better.

Ray Nyroos is looking for a co-ordinator for next year - if you'd like to put a committe together and volunteer to help the Centre with this important production, please phone Ray - will he be glad to hear from you!

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Your Board held their organizational meeting on March 20th - you will see the changes in responsibilities on Page 2 of this paper.

DEVELOPMENT

We are hoping to be able to give you the final figure which the City of Edmonton will be paying us for the property they are annexing, but we still don't have the figure.

We have made an offer to purchase the two lots which were described in the February and March editions of the News, conditional on approval by the City of our Development Permit. We should know before the end of

March whether we have received this approval.

The architects are still working on drawings, and more thought is being given to the exterior of the new Centre; we will keep you posted on developments in that area.

NEWSPAPER

We are still receiving subscriptions along with payment of \$5.00. Since we are not able to keep extensive subscription records, all subscriptions must be paid for beginning in September and running through to the end of August; all will be renewable in September again. Therefore, if you wish to subscribe late in the year and are a shareholder, you should calculate how many issues are left before September and multiply that by 50 cents. Anyne who subscribed after February who wishes to have a refund should write to me - it is impossible for me to keep track -and we will gladly refund the difference. One other alternative is to write me and tell me when your subscription started and apply the difference to your subscription in December. I am really sorry that this has happened but it was all set out in the newspaper several times last spring.

I have received a letter from a very nice lady asking to see more Danish and Swedish content in our newspaper. I would also like to see more of both of these, as well as more Finnish and Icelandic content. Since appeals to groups do not achieve any results, perhaps an appeal to you, as a shareholder, to mail in articles of interest might help.

— SYTTENDE MAI —

by S.A. Sorenson

Syttende Mai (May 17th) is one of the most important dates of the year for any Norwegian.

There have been many ups and downs - rises and falls - and rises again - in Norwegian history. There is a line through it all - dim at times - but always there - the line of democracy, and the love of freedom. There has been a lot of suffering and sacrifice by our forefathers for freedom.

(1) *The period of Small Kingdoms before 872.*

We can imagine each beautiful valley and each majestic fjord being ruled by a king or earl. The people had open-air parliaments. They met on a hill, or if there wasn't a hill they threw up a mound. New laws had to be read from the top of the hill before they became law. No man was legally king until he had presented himself before these parliaments, and had been accepted as a ruler.

Early therefore, the valleys and fjords developed an independent people, while the sea developed a love of freedom.

(2) *A United Norway 872 - 1381*

With the rugged mountains and fjords having developed many small independent communities, it was not an easy task to unite them into one Norway. This temendous task was accomplished by Harold (the fair haired), who became Norway's first King in 872.

The lesser kings resented the rule of Harold, and many took to the sea. This ushered in the Viking Age - the age of Norwegian exploration and colonization- of such new lands as Iceland, Greenland, the Faroe Islands, the Hebrides, the Orkneys, Dublin, and the Isle of Man.

The line of Viking kings came to an end with the death of Haakon VI in 1381.

(3) *The Danish Period 1381 - 1814*

Haakon VI's wife Margreta, was Danish. She moved back to Denmark and ruled the two Kingdoms, and by clever manipulation she had a Danish Prince elected King of both countries. In 1388 she also managed to get herself elected Queen of Sweden.

During this period, Norwegian

National life fell to its lowest ebb. The Norweginas did not have another Harold to unite them in action to secede from the union.

The people fought stubbornly and successfully against encroachments of their personal freedom. Everywhere else in Europe - feudalism had taken over. The peasants were serfs, i.e. slaves of some feudal Lord of a Manor. Not so in Norway; the Norwegian farmer or Bondsman remained a free man with ownership of his own piece of ground. Their aim, as must be our aim for a better society, is to have security with freedom, security alone is not enough.

(4) *The Swedish Period 1814 - 1905*

The French Revolution was basically a protest by the common man against economic slavery. It aroused men all over Europe and in America to fight for their freedom. It gave new hope for the common man. It was with this spirit that the men of Eidsvold gathered May 17th to draft the Constitution of 1814 - the set of rules by which men could live and govern themselves. This was the most liberal Constitution of Europe at that time.

The Constitution could be likened to a coin. On one side was inscribed the Rights and Privileges of Freedom, on the other side the Responsibilities. Both sides of the coin were so genuinely and deeply cut, that it has lasted to the present time with very little change.

The fruits of the French Revolution were somewhat marred by the ambitions of Napoleon. As a reward, Norway was ceded to Sweden. During this period the Swedish King respected Norway's Constitution as laid down in 1814.

On June 7th, 1905 Norway severed its union with Sweden. She invited Prince Carl of Denmark to become Haakon VII of Norway, thus continuing the line of Viking Kings.

The fight for freedom goes on to-day. Freedom is something that must be fought for, must be improved, must be preserved. Let's all be freedom-fighters, as were the Men of Eidsvold.

"Lykke med Dagen".

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

by Bea Huser



Spring's here! Don't forget the Easter bonnet competition to be held at the April 9 General Meeting.

Also, there's the Syttende Mai flag-raising at City Hall. All Norwegians by birth, descent, affiliation or just general interest come out and see the Norwegian red, white and blue proudly float above Churchill Square. Come and hear May 17th proclaimed National Norwegian Day. If you have a Norwegian costume, wear it, and proclaim to Edmononions your pride in your ethnic origin. Don't forget the time--11 a.m., Saturday May 17th. See you there!

Norwegians continue their winter migrations: Chris Dreyer to Phoenix; Dale and Olga McBride, Orla and Sven Tychsen, Herman, Jewel and Arnold Hafso, Signe and Dave McKill, Robert Shaver, all to Hawaii; the Doug Peterson family, Thor and Reidun Berg and daughter, Wally and Betty Broen and girls, to Disneyland; Paula and Henning Jacobsen, Kaare Askildt to Norway; Norman and Gwen Legaarden to Jamaica; Doris and Lloyd Steen to the Orient!

Betty McKeivitt visited members Arne and Mary Gulbrandsen in Nanaimo. She also travelled to Courtenay to see Del and Doreen Melsness--the first member from Edmonton to visit them in their new home.

Sevrin Berge and his wife Rose are studying Norwegian at the University.

Janette and Bob Burt celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on February 23 during the Grande Prairie Sports Weekend. The president of Northern Lights Lodge extended congratulations on behalf of all present, the band played a special waltz, and the management of the Grande Prairie Motor Inn provided an anniversary cake. Members of Solglyt drank a toast to the Burts, and helped consume the cake. Congratulations, Bob and Jan!

In March the Burts entertained Jan's brother-in-law, Mert Christopherson and his nephew, Gary, from Delta, B.C.

Congratulations to Barbara Broen, daughter of Betty and Wally, on her wins during the Alberta Winter Games held in Grande Prairie. Barbara came home with three silvers--for both the 6.5 kilometre and the 9.5 kilometre Junior Girls' cross-country ski races, and one for the Edmonton Nordic Club Girls' relay.

A vote of thanks goes to a hard behind-the-scenes worker, ski-coach Kris Nyhus. We appreciate the time and effort spent on the young people, Kris.

Speaking of young people--Tom Haugen is still looking for members for Unge Venner. He'll be attending their conference in Bismarck in June, and will have news on what's doing in that age-bracket. Could be the beginning of a great group.

Kay and Bernard Olafsen recently spent a week-end in Jasper, with a difference. They heard their son, John, play in the Ottewell Junior High School Band, who were guests of a Junior High in Jasper.

Delegates elected to attend the Fourth District Convention in Bismarck, North Dakota, in June are Betty Broen, Bob Burt, Astrid Hope and Bea Huser.

Following the March 12 General Meeting, the Svidals entertained with their famous "Horse Racing". Giant Romeo, starring Elsworth Halberg, won two races out of four. Other winners were Voom Voom (Tom Haugen) and Sir Wiggles (Roy Sundby). Gary Christopherson placed the luckiest bets and was declared the grand prize winner. Thanks to the Svidals, and to our busy Social Convener, Sandra Nielsen, for the delicious lunch.

The memberships extends their deep sympathy to Astrid Hope on the death of her husband John, on Friday, March 21st.

REMINDER to all you Queen contestants - see the March issue for full particulars, or phone Astrid Hope at 469-4747.

Next month's correspondent will be Orla Tychsen, phone 489-5815.

VASA LODGE NORDSTJARNAN

by Annie Holmlund

The regular lodge meeting was held at Lone Ridge Hall on February 5th. District Deputy Carl Brown installed the officers for 1980 --

Chairman - Henry Sjogren
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Vice-Secretary - Lyn Holmlund
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Assistant Master of Ceremonies - Jeanette Holmlund
Inner Guard - Brian Scherlie
Outer Guard - Oscar Sjolin
Culture Leader - Harry Holmlund

Our annual curling bonspiel was held at Usona on February 1st and 2nd. Winners in the first event were Randy Holmlund, Glen Fraser, Jessie Flinkman and Bart Domzy. Winners of the second event were Henry Sjogren, G. Havanka, Barbara Sjolin, Sherry Havanka.

Vasa Children's Bowling Tournament was held on February 24th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. Wallin on the birth of a son. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wallin and great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sjorlund and Mrs. Nettie Wallin.

Gordon Krause and Denis Brown, who are employed at Cudotte Lake, spent a few days at their homes recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown spent an enjoyable holiday, taking a bus tour as far south as Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ewart spent two weeks in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wallin are holidaying in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sjogren and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fraser left for a holiday in Las Vegas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmlund spent a weekend at Vegreville visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Glen Byerely.

Get well wishes to Sherry Hill and Karen Thorsen who have been recent hospital patients.

JOHAN HENRY HOPE (1907 - 1980)

On March 21 Johan (John) Henry Hope passed away.

Born at Haugesund, Norway, in 1907, he came to Canada in 1927, where he worked for 41 years for Swifts Ltd., retiring in 1972.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife Astrid, his mother Aida, both of Edmonton; two brothers, Sigurd of Edmonton and Gunnar of Sedgewick;

three daughters, Marion Solbrekken of Surrey, B.C.; Sharon Engelbrektsen of Slave Lake, Alberta; Gail Edwards of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta; and a son, Douglas, of Edmonton. He also leaves three step-children, Marina of Edmonton; Edwin Sarchuk of Vancouver, and Merrill Sarchuk of Edmonton. He was predeceased by his father, Sevrin, in 1974.

Funeral services were held at Park Memorial on March 25 followed by interment at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. A reception was held at Central Lutheran Church.

SYTTENDE MAI

The 17th of May being on a Saturday this year, flag raising will take place at 10:30 am, in costume, at Edmonton City Hall. Following the ceremony, those present will go to the Scandinavian Centre for a luncheon. This will be a combined program - Sons of Norway and the Nordic Society - and everyone is welcome to attend - the more the merrier!

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WINTER GAMES '80-Sons of Norway



THE WINNING RINK
Sev and Rose Berge,
Ken and Selma Domier



SECOND PRIZE
John Jekabson, Elsworth Halberg,
Sandy Nielsen, Skip Chris Dreyer



THIRD
Ed Love, Brenda Letendre,
Bob MacNaughton, Kurt Klose



FOURTH
Dale and Olga McBride,
Evelyn and Gary Johnson

Finalists of the Sons of Norway Curling Club played off at the Sportex on Monday, March 10th, with Sevrin Berge's rink playing Chris Dreyer's rink for first place and Ed Love's rink playing Dale McBride's rink in the secondaries.

Both games were exciting, for in each event the winning rink had to come from behind; the second event finished in a tie with a toss to name the winner.

The Sev Berge rink, including Rose Berge, Ken and Selma Domier, fell behind initially, but struck back and pulled ahead in the last several ends to win. They were victors over Chris Dreyer, Sandy Nielsen, Elsworth Halberg and John Jekabson.

Ed Love, having lost Norm and Gwen Legaarden (vacationing in Jamaica), was supported by Bob MacNaughton, Brenda Letendre and Kurt Klose. They started with a bang, but lost momentum during the last end. Dale and Olga McBride, along with Gary and Evelyn Johnson were not at their best, but made a valiant comeback to tie the game in the last end - only to lose in the toss.

Cups and awards will be presented for Curling and Bowling at the finale banquet and dance to be held at the Montgomery Legion on May 3rd, when everyone will get together to enjoy the fruits of victory and relax in a congenial atmosphere.

With all the activity in Grande Prairie over the past few years it was hard to believe that time would be given to Sons of Norway Winter Games, February 22 & 23rd (Alberta Winter Games the week following). But, as usual, all members of Northern Lights 493, had worked hard, planned well and were inspired to that all-out effort for success.

ONE OF THE BEST

Near 250 wild Norsemen bussed in, flew, or came by car, poised for action. Those who just weren't up to the rugged action of skiing, the tension of curling, or the exhilarating experience of bowling, put their all into the latest winter-game activity, Norwegian whist. The combined action of all four activities with added fraternalism, sportsmanship and the spirit of good clean fun was seen throughout the games.

The work that went into the planning, preparing, organizing, and following through was noticeable, as a great deal of effort went into all categories. Thanks is extended with highest praise to Laverne Sorgaard, Sports Director and Games Organizer, for his excellent work putting together the support team which worked toward the culmination of this, one of the best winter games thus far. All went without a hitch (it almost looked easy).

LOTS TO EAT AND DRINK

Friday evening at registration there was plenty of high caloric foods, lots of dance entertainment and liquid refreshment. Saturday evening the tired sportsmen reported to the hotel for a feast fit for a king. Cozy little table arrangements were set - and all that food!

GUEST SPEAKER

Following the meal guest speaker Norwegian Consul General of Vancouver, Nils Axel Nissen was introduced. He stated

that he was glad to be in Canada, this rich and beautiful country. He said he enjoyed the cross country skiing and came prepared to race; he received a ribbon for his efforts.

With this sportsweekend, he said, we should all be proud to be Norwegians. He spoke of the relationship between Canada and Norway. The similarity of beauty in spring, resources of land and sea, and now oil. He said: "166 years ago democracy existed only on paper by men of Eidsvold, today democracy in Norway is a living forceful reality."

The President of Northern Lights Lodge, Ms. Solveig Nordhagen, presented Mr. Nissen with a miniature white trumpeter swan, symbol of Grande Prairie, a memento of the occasion.

BURTS HONOURED

The Burts, Bob and Janette, were honored on their 42nd anniversary that night, with a cake, the anniversary waltz and many congratulations from all those present. Then it was dance time for all to enjoy.

LAST DAY

Next day was the final get-together of all participants at brunch, followed by the presentation of trophies and ribbons. Then it was farewell and back home with the challenge, "Next year it will be our turn to take home the honors".

Edmonton competitors went to Grande Prairie with the ski trophy to defend, they lost it by just 12 minutes in the team aggregate. But, they did return victorious, with both the curling and bowling trophies! With all this it is sincerely hoped that we can band together to defend and hold what was earned this year.

It was announced at brunch that Claresholm will be host club for the 1980 Winter Games. See you all there.



Roy Sundby and Gunnar Sveinungaard



Anders Nyhus starts his first-prize race

NORWEGIAN WHIST ADDED COMPETITION



Winners of Norwegian whist

Whist was added to the list of events for participants interested in just being there.

Men's high score was won by Cliff Larson, Camrose, followed by Clarence Velve, Grande Prairie, then Roy Akre, Camrose.

Ladies high score was by Anne Heggan, Camrose, then Ruth Kushner, Grande Prairie, and a tie for third Janette Burt, Edmonton, and Phyllis Eide of Grande Prairie. These games were played off in the Sons of Norway Lodge Hall.



The beautiful ski trails of Grande Prairie.



Irene Sorgaard of Grande Prairie, Nils Axel Nissen, Janette Burt, President of Solglyt Lodge, Edmonton

AND THE WINTER GAMES THEMSELVES

Edmonton Takes Curling Trophy



Solglyt Lodge wins curling trophy

There were 24 rinks entered, 15 from Grande Prairie, 4 from Calgary, 3 from Edmonton and 2 from Claresholm. Method of point scoring: each team played 3 games (6 ends each); 4 points for a win, 2 points for each end win. The three teams from Edmonton included the Sevrin Berge, Allan Letendre and George Stewart Rinks. The Edmonton rinks scored 28 points, the highest average score, winning the trophy. Claresholm placed 2nd with 26 points, Calgary followed with 24½ and Grande Prairie, due to their number, tallied 22½ points. The Grande Prairie rink skipped by Sherry Zuberbieber scored 38 points of a possible 48, winning first place team ribbon. Wes Rose of Claresholm and Sevrin Berge of Edmonton each scored 36 points, tying for second place. Sevrin Berge accepted the trophy, standing with the Edmonton rinks.

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ALBERTA HERITAGE COUNCIL

by Anne Sahuri

The last meeting was held on February 8th, 9th and 10th, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Edmonton. Scandinavian Representatives present were: Linnea Lodge - Swedish, S. Nordhagen - Norwegian, and A. Sahuri - Finnish.

The theme for the meeting was "Language Rights and Language Opportunities in Alberta."

Hon. Steve E. Paproski (PC), John Younie (NDP), Robert Carney (L), Dr. Bruce Bain of U of A, and Hon. David King, Minister of Education, spoke on the topic.

Dr. Bruce Bain, in his speech titled Language Planning in the Global Village, gave as an example another bilingual country, Finland, saying "In Finland the constitution guarantees the Swedish-speaking minority (6.6% in 1979) the right to satisfy its language and educational needs on the same principles as Finnish-speakers."

Both majority and minority in Finland are in agreement. For example, Finland's Swedish children can be taught in their own language from kindergarten to University, and the system works well for all concerned."

But the fact that a lot of Finnish people have moved to Sweden has created another problem and Dr. Bain continued: "Officially, the Swedish school curriculum states that Finnish immigrants should be provided with education in Finnish which corresponds to the education of Swedish children. In practice, however, up to the mid 50's the Finnish children were, in some cases, punished for speaking Finnish in a Swedish classroom

--even when they were the majority in the class and school -- and, despite the official curriculum, classes were taught entirely in Swedish.

In the late fifties the actual educational practice was modified to teach the Finnish children Swedish as a second language --modeled after the English as a second language models used in America/Canada and elsewhere. And, of course, the essentially negative outcome of these linguistic based programmes is well known. Within a very short period the Finnish children ended up knowing both Finnish and Swedish in an equally dysfunctional way.

Today the Finnish minority children in Sweden, officially and in most cases in practice, are being taught to first master Finnish before being introduced to Swedish as a subject matter; the outcome in this latter case being essentially positive.

Once again we have turned another small corner with a sensible educational policy that will help in the evolution of a pluralistic society.

As the three day meeting came to an end on Sunday afternoon, we had a rare opportunity to hear Jester Hairston - arranger, composer, storyteller, who played Leroy for 16 years, the Kingfish's brother-in-law, on the Amos 'n Andy radio show, who was in the city directing a workshop for the Alberta Choral Directors' Association. He wrote the hit song, "Amen," used in the film Lilies of the Field, and his carol, Mary's Boy Child, became a best selling record in 1978.

BOWLING TROPHY WON BY EDMONTON



Solglyt Lodge wins bowling trophy

In bowling competition, Calgary entered 5 teams, Camrose 4, Claresholm 3, Grande Prairie and Edmonton each 2 teams. Each team played 6 games, the handicaps given on average of the first three games.

The Edmonton teams won 10 of the 12 games to win the trophy, having the highest average club score of 168.8; Calgary came second with 167.5

The trophy was presented to

Peter Hansen by Sports Director Laverne Sorgaard. Ribbons were presented to team winners; Men's High Single to Cliff Lein, Camrose 266; Ladies' High Single to Val Neilson, Calgary 267; Men's High Triple to Dale MacPahil, Calgary 706; Ladies' High Triple to Val Neilson, Calgary 750. The highest 3 game total went to Lyle Adams, Calgary Quintet scoring 2793. John Marko of Edmonton scored 261 just 5 points below the winner. Great bowling!!!

BARBARA BROEN WINS 3 MEDALS

Kris Nyhus, coach of the Edmonton skiers, proudly announced that, at the Alberta Winter Games which followed Sons of Norway's Winter Games at Grande Prairie, Barbara Broen won three silver medals - in Junior Girls 6 1/2 km., 9 1/2 km., and relay team.

At these games Gunnar Sveinungsgard of Grande Prairie, 74 years old on February 23rd won a gold and a silver medal in the Old Boys category.

VISITING THE SICK

If a member of Sons of Norway, or one of their family, is sick or in hospital, the person who should be notified by either a family member or another Lodge member is the Chairman of the Sick Committee - LOIS HALBERG.

HERITAGE COUNCIL SPONSORS RECEPTION

by Linnea Lodge

The Alberta Winter Games were held in Grande Prairie on February 28, 29 and March 1, 1980.

The Winter Games Council invited the Alberta Cultural Heritage Council to sponsor a reception for the 'Celebrate Alberta' group and other invited guests.

Ten members of Council met in Grande Prairie on March 1, 1980 to handle this function at the College. They were: Dr Julius Buski, Camrose; Don Vinge, Linnea Lodge, Edmonton; Anthony Catchik, James Gerwing, Red Deer; Elvyra Krausas, William Swityk, Rom Nawata, Spencer Gooden, Calgary, and Solveig Nordhagen, Grande Prairie.

The Celebrate Alberta Show was staged two and three times a day during the meet and they were especially well received at the College because the complete show was presented.

Council Members had to wait a long time for their plane because of icing conditions in Fort St. John, but we were entertained by the competitors, whose charter planes would not arrive until later. They put their gold, silver and bronze medals on the seats and started their gymnastic performances on the hard floor. The one that amused me was the challenge to do cartwheels out one door and come back in another door. That meant performing in the snow, but they all succeeded.

The young people also enjoyed the 74 year old lady who had won a bronze medal for cross country skiing.

The Mayor of Grande Prairie presented each of the Council Members with a pin of the Trumpeter Swan which is the symbol adopted by that city.

GRANDE PRAIRIE COPS SKI TROPHY AT WINTER GAMES



Northern Lights takes the Ski Trophy - Bert Strand and Laverne Sorgaard

On the ski moguls the conditions were perfect; The snow, the sun and the course were all excellent; What a day for the races!

In the boys 10 and under 4 km Paul Mertle, Calgary was winner. Boys 14 and under 6 1/2 km Anders Nyhus winner, time 32.47; Lyman Rorem, Grande Prairie 2nd, time 58.34.

Ladies 6 1/2 km Barbara Broen, Edmonton time 34.33; Vicki Collins, Calgary 54.51 2nd.

Ladies Sr. 60 and under 4 km Judi Strand, Grande Prairie, 43.37, Heather Matheson, Grande Prairie 74.30.

Mens 60 and under 6 1/2 km:
Bert Strand, Grande Prairie 34.52
Laverne Sorgaard, Grande Prairie 39.13
Torquhil Matheson, Grande Prairie 40.41
Bob Johns, Edmonton; 51.34
Men 60 and over 6 1/2 km:
Gunnar Sveinungaard, Grande Prairie 39.08
Kris Nyhus, Edmonton 56.03
John Strand, Grande Prairie 56.45
Andy Haugen, Grande Prairie 65.21
Nils Axel Nissen, Vancouver 69.20
Odvar Nordmark, Grande Prairie 75.52
Bernie Collins, Calgary 82.45
Verner Steinbru, Edmonton 85.04

Winners of trophy, team's best 4 skiers total time each area: Edmonton team time 208.27 minutes; Grande Prairie, just 196.06 minutes to take the trophy from long time trophy holders, Edmonton.

Ski Trails were toured in the afternoon through the beautiful Wapiti Valley Hills. The trails through this area are breathtakingly beautiful.

AAGE GRUNDSTAD



AAGE AND ASTRID GRUNDSTAD

by Bob Burt

I had the honour of interviewing Aage Grundstad following his last performance at Scandapades '80.

Aage was born in Vefsn, Nordland, Norway, in 1923. He was married to Astrid in 1947, and they have two children.

Their son, Tom, age 28, works with the Scandinavian Steamship Service in the Passenger Traffic Department, in Norway.

Their daughter, Line, is 20. She has attended the University of Seattle for the past two years studying Languages and Travel Business Administration. Her future plans are to enter either airline service of the Diplomatic Corps.

The Grundstads presently live in Baerum, near Oslo, in Norway.

Aage has visited Canada and the U.S.A many times since 1968, travelling to Seattle entertaining with folk-dance programs on the Norwegian vessel "Femboringen."

He has played for, and taught, folk dances throughout Norway, and encourages the old-time dances.

Aage and Astrid will return to the United States on April 25 to be present and entertain at Norwegian Days in Houston, Texas; also present will be Kron Prins Harald, son of King Olaf of Norway.

On leaving Aage presented two autographed L.P. records of his Folk Dance music to several members; his only regret was that he could not bring enough of them for everyone.

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NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE AND ARTS CAMP, 1980

by Astrid Hope

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Please register now. Embarkation is on August 17th at Mulhurst on Pigeon Lake, 25 miles (knots?) north-west of Wetaskiwin. We will have continental breakfasts (but NOT in your cabins). The chef will plan Ekte Norsk meals whenever possible - usually the delight of any cruise. There will be extra platters of fresh -baked pasteries daily - I know - coffee and 'brus'. There are dormitory style cabins - everybody to bring their own bedroll, toiletries, and anything nautical (not naughty!) to add to the theme, mood and decor. For all instructors - officers' caps if available. On the main deck there are showers and washrooms. There is space for trailers with water at outside taps 'floating about,' but no hook-ups are provided. If you have musical instruments, bring them too.

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And oh yes, we will stop at different ports for you golf-lovers and horseshow enthusiasts.

GREAT WIND - UP

The last day, August 23rd, will be the great wind-up. Come to view our Sjomans Museum - crafts made by our seafarers - and a special Captain's Farewell Dinner with appropriate menu, special entertainment and music.

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Applications should be completed and returned with cheque for \$10.00 deposit as soon as possible. Full payment of \$50.00 must be submitted by July 15, 1980. Cancellation after this date forfeits the deposit.

Please make cheques payable to the Sons of Norway.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Late applications will be accepted if space is available. Both adults and children are invited to apply.

"Red Sky at morning, sailors take warning.

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Good weather and good cruising!

SAIL BEAUTIFUL SWEDEN

Sailing enthusiasts will find of great interest a summer program offered by Scandinavian Airlines in cooperation with Scandinavian Tours, Inc. - six nights aboard a private yacht sailing among some of the 150,000 islands of the Swedish west coast archipelago.

The "Great Cruising Holiday of Scandinavia" has weekly departures from Montreal every Friday from May 16 to September 12 and offers perfect family holidays as well as sailing for couples or individuals.

The program is based out of Gothenburg and offers six nights aboard a new Pelle Petterson designed MAXI 95 yacht with all meals included. The price also includes two nights at the Stenungsbaden Resort Hotel on the Swedish island of Tjorn plus full damage insurance for the boat and all taxes and service charges.

Price is based on the number of people using the boat and ranges from \$599 apiece for six persons to \$1,240 apiece for two persons. Special children's rates are available. Round-trip airfare from Montreal is \$906, based on the GIT peak season fare. Another lower fare can also be applied, the peak season APEX fare which is \$710 but then passengers must stay a minimum of 14 days overseas, maximum sixty days.

Sea-going passengers have the following options from which to choose: cruise completely on their own, following their own routing; follow a preset routing with a leader ship; hire a "skipper" for an additional \$125 per journey.

The yachts will be met each evening at a pre-designated harbor by a service ship which will provide supplies and food. A "Maxi Cup" competition will be held at the end of the cruise with prizes awarded.

Actual cruising will take place on Sunday through Thursday with a get together party on land on Saturday and a farewell party on Friday. Passengers will return to Montreal on Saturday.

For further information, contact a travel agent or Scandinavian Airlines, 1200 McGill College Avenue, Suite 1420, Montreal, P.Q. H3B 4G7

To a beautiful life came a sudden end!

GERALD EDWIN
OLOF BERGQUIST



On January 22, 1980, Gerald Edwin Olof Bergquist of Edmonton passed away at the age of 38 years. He was a member of the Vasa Juniors Club prior to joining Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549 on October 4, 1958.

Gerald was born and educated in Edmonton, and was a partner in Edmonton Beauty and Barber Supplies Ltd.

On August 11, 1979, Gerald found a large sum of money and by his honesty in returning it he was named "CHED's Good Guy of the Day". He also received congratulations from Police Chief Robert F. Lunney and Eddie Keene.

Brother Bergquist is survived by his loving wife Diane (nee Van Lohuizen), two sons, David and Darren, two daughters, Deborah and Barbara; his mother Ruth Bergquist; two sisters Mrs Don (Evelyn) Hazelwood and Mrs Al (Anna) Risinski. He was pre-deceased by his father Edwin in 1971.

Gerald's family, relatives, fellow Vasa members and many other friends will always remember the pleasure of his music, his goodness and sincerity.

By his family he will always be remembered as a very loving and devoted husband, father, son and brother.

C.I.T.V. TO AIR PROGRAM

by Astrid Hope

The Scandinavian program that was taped in December will be shown on 'Village Square' on CITV on Sunday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. The Danish portion will be shown on the following Sunday, April 20th.

NEED EXTRA MONEY?

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STOCK POT NEWS



Icelandic Music and Entertainment in the United States & Canada

Sigfus Halldorsson, Guomundur Guojonsson, and Bill Holm will hold concerts at 24 U.S. and Canadian Centres

Logberg-Heimskringla has received news on programs of Icelandic music and entertainment in the United States and Canada this spring. Sponsorship of the tour, covering centers in the United States and Canada is through the Icelandic government's Committee for Relations between Iceland and People of Icelandic Descent in the United States and Canada and North American-Icelandic organizations.

In contrast with customary emphasis on Viking days and early literature, modern aspects of Iceland hold the foreground on the extensive tour, through vocal and instrumental music and portrayal of Iceland's role in the world today.

Sigfus Halldorsson, Reykjavik composer, will play some of his many popular works and Guomundur Gudjonsson, tenor soloist, will sing them. Bill Holm, a musician himself, will perform but will also present the view of Iceland gained from a year's teaching at the University of Reykjavik. He has just returned from there after his extensive stay, made possible through a Fulbright Scholarship grant.

Before teaching English and American Literature in Iceland Bill Holm taught at Lakeview Community College in White Bear Lake, Minn., and was also Poet in Residence there. Some of his poetry readings will be program features here. Holm lives at Minneota in south-western Minnesota, born and reared in the Icelandic settlement there.

The program gives the 24 places and dates for concerts extending in time from March 26 to May 6. As soon as this itinerary has been properly confirmed, it will be published in Logberg-Heimskringla.

Everyone concerned is directed to Mr Bill Holm, Minneota, Minnesota, 56265 [Phone (507) 872-6950]

by Anja Sahuri

The Annual Skiing contest was held on Feb. 17th at Gold Bar Park. The weather was nippy and the beautiful soft snow came next day, but the race went on.

The track was about 4 km. long and because of the bad conditions it was only skied once around. Organizing staff were Mr and Mrs E. Kankkunen, Erki Makarainen and Pentti Sipari. About thirty people were present during the race.

Winners, who were seperated in different categories, were: Veteran Men - 1st, Tony Leino, 2nd, Albert Karvonen. Senior Men - 1st Pauli Vanhala, 2nd Markku Erkvaara, 3rd, Dick Sahuri. Junior Men - 1st, Andy Kankkunen, 2nd, Robin Karvonen. Junior Ladies - 1st, Ava Karvonen, 2nd, Vireo Karvonen. Girls - 1st, Liisa Karvonen. Boys - 1st, Harry Kanerva.

Contratulations to the winners - hoping that we have better weather next year!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Lavina and Eino Karvonen, who were married on Feb. 22, 1980, the reception was held at the Scandinavian Centre.

ALOHA

by Bob Burt

Sons of Norway members enjoyed a fun evening on March 23rd when the Kon-Tiki Dance was held in the Nordic Room, at the Scandinavian Centre.

The only problem was that so few members come out to join the fun. The music was good, the food was exceptional, and the atmosphere was exotic. Mrs Gladys Clark went to the trouble of calling all members asking if they were going to be present, and a vote of thanks is extended to her for her determined effort. Sandy Nielsen certainly put in many hours of work to make certain that it would be a successful party.

However, those who did attend had a great evening - it was one that no one should have missed.

by Børge Velling

Scandapades is over, and I think we should be proud of it. The main purpose was to get Scandapades going again, and we sure did that. When you really think about it, that's really what it's all about - everybody working together and enjoying the Centre as one group. It was a very pleasant and encouraging experience for me.

We spent the first day gaining experience, so if you thought the service was a little bit slow on Thursday, you're probably right, but on Saturday the whole 5-course dinner was served in 5,100 seconds.

Special thanks for the thoughtfulness of Janette and Bob Burt for making and donating 400 kronkaker for Saturday night. Bob, I know you helped Janette and that it was hard on you, but you survived, and that's good.

Cooking is a very special job, and it's hard to satisfy individual tastes, so some times we get complaints. Some are fair - others are not - and chefs are sensitive people so sometimes they get mad.

I want to tell you about a person who I hope will feel just as stupid when he reads this as I felt hurt after doing what I thought was a pretty good job, not to mention the 90 hours Jens and I put in each. This person, who is very familiar with the Centre, knew several people who could make a much better herring. His wife could make a much better soup (well, so could my mother). The tarteletter was almost all right, but could have been better. The pork loin was fat, and the rice dessert was lousy. Was that all? I looked at him and thought - well the akavit must have been okay. But no, even that was wrong. We should have had a variety of akavit brands. I asked him how long his wife took to make soup. Well, it was for 20 people and it took three days. I figured it out and it would have taken her 115 days to make soup for Scandapades.

By the way, what about the additional 2,800 meals we made in our 24 square metre kitchen? I guess nobody is perfect; maybe he is the man we need for next year's Scandapades.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA

by Gertie Holmgren

Our February meeting, chaired by Ray Nyroos, was held in the Dania Room on February 4th.

The Charter was draped in memory of Gerald Berquist, who passed away on January 22nd. Gerald was born in Edmonton on November 9, 1941. His was a short life, but it was a good life, and he enjoyed a great deal of happiness. He joined Skandia Lodge on October 4, 1958; as a youngster he was a member of Skandia's Children's Club. He entertained us many times with his accordion, an instrument which he also taught for a while. At the time of his passing he was a junior partner in Edmonton Beauty and Barber Supply. He was a loving husband and a devoted father. He was laid to rest in Beechmount Cemetery in Edmonton beside his father, who predeceased him in 1971. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family, his mother and sisters.

Linnea Lodge read an interesting article on communications way back when Edmonton was a town of less than 200 population.

The Trustees and Master for Ceremonies were installed.

Chairman Ray Nyroos thanked Dez Desutel for some carpentry work which was done, and those who took part in setting up the guidelines for the investigating committee.

A 50-year membership pin was awarded Herman Nelson, the first member to receive such a pin. Lil Collins received a 25-year pin.

Who owns the cake pan left at the Christmas party?

Our March meeting was also held in the Dania Room and chaired by Ray Nyroos. At this meeting the Charter was draped in memory of Bill McMaster, who passed away on February 28.

Bill was born December 27, 1898, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He joined our Lodge on October 7, 1950. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Irma.

I'm sure we all wish my two grandsons a speedy recovery - they both broke their arms during the same week.

Gordon McRae chose to break his on the Tuesday evening his mother and dad came home from Barbados; Brian Eliasson broke his on Friday.

A speedy recovery to both of you.

SCANDAPADES

I've just come home from Scandapades, and what fun it has been!

The dinner menu consisted of pickled herring on rye bread, meat ball and dumpling soup, tartelette with creamed chicken and asparagus, smoked loin of pork, and risalamang, wine and coffee. The Viking Room looked elegant with white table cloths on the round tables and red serviettes and carnations. Dinner was delicious, and with the sound of skål ringing out every once in a while as the small snaps glasses were emptied, it wasn't long until everyone was in a very happy

mood.

A stage was set up at the north end of the Viking Room, and each of the ethnic groups had contributed a segment to the production. The Danish Hard-Time Singers entertained with several lively songs; Gisli the Crazy, a skit by four young people from the Icelandic Society, was well done and thoroughly enjoyed; members of the Finnish Folk Dancers did some lively stepping in their performance of several dances; Sons of Norway's Freeloaders played several numbers around a bonfire at a Midsummer Fest - even with witches and trolls flitting about they didn't miss a beat. As always, Ron Nelsen's songs were well received.

Aage Grundstad, from Vefsn, Norway, was the guest performer, playing a varied selection of marches, folk dances, etc., on his very beautiful accordion.

Before and after dinner guests could view the displays set up in the Nordic Room. Dancing concluded the evening's activities.

I really enjoyed Scandapades '80, and I met some very nice people, among them a young Finnish lady whose older son was born in Sweden and proud to be a Swede. She said she had lived in many different countries, and when I asked her if she enjoyed living in Canada, she said she was happy wherever she might be living. I think that is the secret of happiness.

Yes, Scandapades '80 was a great success, and congratulations and thanks to all those who made it so.

A NEW TREND

BY Connie Anne Arkvaara

A new trend was started for the Finnish Society. A Valentine's Dance was held on Friday, February 22 in the Nordic Room. Cupids, hearts, words of love and other decorations filled the room, creating an atmosphere only befitting such an occasion. Sincere appreciation goes to Judy Vaes who worked many long hours preparing the plentiful decorations. The coffee table was abundant with delicious Finnish foods prepared by

Anneli Thurlin (Hostess) and other gracious cooks. There was plenty for all.

The Finnish Society also held its annual Auction at the Valentine's Dance, with many beautiful gifts and baked goods donated by members and friends.

Many thanks go to Pentti Sipara for his help in starting a successful new trend - an annual Valentine's Dance. A good time was had by all, and we look forward to the next Valentine's Dance.

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English. Instructors will include an American and one teacher will be assigned to every seven or eight students.

The daily program will include morning and afternoon weaving sessions, with subject matter covering Finnish methods of weaving, yarns and calculations, basic weaves and drafting, traditional Finnish weaves, natural dyeing, braid weaving, carding and spinning. Each weaver will have at least one loom for weaving and the use of the countermark looms.

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FINLANDIA VODKA

Nordic Sun and Tropic Breeze



Tropic Breeze 1 Part Finlandia Vodka 3 Parts Tomato juice and a few dashes of Tabasco	Nordic Sun 3,5 Parts Finlandia Vodka 1,5 Part Dry Vermouth Shake with cracked ice — add a slice of lemon	On the Rocks The pure taste of Finlandia Vodka is at its best in this drink
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